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# THE GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS



## THE MEETING IN BOSTON

THE eighteenth council of the Guild of St. Barnabas passed off delightfully. The weather was good, the guests charming, and the hosts charmed.

The council had its opening service on the evening of Monday, October 2, at the Church of the Advent. On that occasion we were honored by the presence in the chancel of four bishops! The Bishop of Pittsburg presided, Bishop Lawrence and Bishop Coleman attended, and Bishop Brent preached. As each bishop wore his hood and was attended by one or two priests and two acolytes, the effect was most impressive. We must not forget the organist, part of the choir, and last, but by no means least, the rector of the Advent, who read the service and extended to all the delegates the hospitality of the church. Bishop Lawrence also spoke a few words of welcome.

Bishop Brent's text was from 2 Kings vi. 16, where Elisha, to soothe the fear of his servant when the hosts of the Syrians were sent against them, says: "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." The preacher spoke of the great care which was shown in scientific research and the skill displayed in technical knowledge, and said that these things—good of themselves—helped to give a materialistic tendency to the thought of the age. It was for nurses and doctors to show their patients that the forces that made for life were stronger than those that made for death. Many a patient has died of fear because his eyes could not be opened, as were those of the prophet's servant, to see the horses and chariots of fire round about him. If a nurse does not have this vision, this suréty in herself, she cannot give it, but the heavenly defence is surely about every true servant of God.

After the service a reception was held in the Parish-House and all much enjoyed the meeting, while it was delightful to see Bishop Brent again. At the business meeting the next day at St. Paul's Parish-House everything went most smoothly and harmoniously. The chaplains roared as gently as sucking doves, the nurses actually talked, and all went well. Among the subjects discussed were the amendments to the constitution, and the most generally interesting point here was an addition creating honorary associates, to be Christian women, interested in the work, but

not of our own Church. This supplied a want we have wished to meet, but one for which we did not feel justified in upsetting our whole scheme of government.

The Pension Fund also came up for discussion, and it was voted to take steps towards it and to request the committee to draw up a working scheme and report at the next council.

The report on our united benevolent work showed that we had raised the six hundred dollars necessary to support a nurse in the mission field, and it was voted to send this to the Philippines and to pledge as much more for two more years, to be disposed of as the Board of Missions might see fit.

After a very pleasant lunch, in which much sociability was mingled, the business meeting was resumed and the question of the guild paper came up, it being necessary for us to make some new plan, as *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING* has no more room for us. The matter was referred to the judgment of the general officers.

As Father Osborne, the founder of the guild in this country, was present, he addressed us at the request of the chaplain-general and spoke of the contrast between the first meeting of fifteen members and the present gathering.

The chaplain from our infant branch, Charleston, S. C., was present and made himself most agreeable, giving us a pressing invitation to meet with them next time, which was accepted, and we look forward to that meeting with pleasure.

A most delightful reception, given by Mrs. S. V. R. Thayer, closed the council, which had gone off without a hitch, save that we missed the presence of our dear general secretary, whose absence was made necessary by her husband's illness.

In this, our last appearance in the pages of the *JOURNAL*, we wish to thank them for past kindness and wish them all success.



**MEDICAL TREATMENT OF DEEP-SEATED HEMORRHAGE.**—The *Journal of the American Medical Association*, quoting from the *Lancet*, says: "Hare reduces the blood-pressure in the bleeding area by promoting the fall of the general blood-pressure through widespread vasodilation and the administration of amyl nitrite by inhalation. It is applicable not only to cases of hemorrhage from some part of the systemic circulation, but also to pulmonary hemorrhage. Five consecutive attacks of hemoptysis occurring in four patients were all stopped instantaneously by amyl nitrite inhalation."